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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF MIKI VISIT TO US

1. KOREAN PRESS HAS BEEN GIVING JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND ASSOCIATED STORIES FRONT PAGE COVERAGE FOR PAST WEEK. AUGUST 7 NEWSPAPERS GAVE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND RESULTANT COMMUNIQUE HEADLINE COVERAGE. EDITORIAL COVERAGE HAS BEEN SPARSE THUS FAR. USUALLY WE ARE TREATED TO SPECULATIVE AND EXHORTATIVE EDITORIALS BEFORE THE EVENT AND EDITORIAL ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY AFTERWARD. SO FAR WE HAVE HAD ONE ANODYNE EDITORIAL IN CHUNGANG ILBO AND A SPATE OF COMMENTARY ARTICLES IN THE AUGUST 7 PRESS. MORE EDITORIALS MAY FOLLOW TOMORROW WHEN THE NEWS IS DIGESTED.

2. IN ADDITION TO HEADLINING FORD-MIKI MEETING, BOTH MORNING AND EVENING PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED HABIB PRESS CONFERENCE, FOCUSING ON DENIAL OF ALLEGED "MESSAGE" FROM NORTH KOREA AND EMPHASIZING JAPAN'S INTENTION TO LIVE UP TO OBLIGATIONS OF US-JAPAN DEFENSE TREATY.

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3. ALL AUGUST 7 PAPERS CARRIED THE TEXT OF THE FORD-
MIKI COMMUNIQUE. PRESS COMMENTARY HAS GENERALLY BEEN
LIMITED TO NOTING THERE IS NO MATERIAL CHANGE REGARDING
KOREA COMPARED TO PAST COMMUNIQUE. CHUNGANG ILBO
EDITORIAL NOTES AND DISMISSES AS UNIMPORTANT SHIFT IN
EMPHASIS FROM FOCUS ON ESSENTIALITY OF ROK SECURITY TO
JAPAN TO INCLUSION OF SUCH "PENINSULAR PROBLEMS" AS
PEACEFUL UNIFICATION AND RELAXATION OF TENSION THROUGH
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